

Veterinary Technologists and Technicians (29-2056)

Occupation description: Perform medical tests in a laboratory environment for use in the treatment and diagnosis of diseases in animals. Prepare vaccines and serums for prevention of diseases. Prepare tissue samples, take blood samples, and execute laboratory tests, such as urinalysis and blood counts. Clean and sterilize instruments and materials and maintain equipment and machines. May assist a veterinarian during surgery.

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	161	186	15.5	3	3	5
United States	80,200	121,900	52.0	4,180	1,390	5,570

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is strong with low employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	15.27	n/a	10.23	14.66	21.39
Alaska	16.93	18.57	20.21	15.07	18.78	22.45
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	19.21	20.20	21.19	17.80	20.49	22.66

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
181	29	16.0	17.8	9.9

2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	48
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	26
UI claimants previously working in occupation	18

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	104
Number of job position postings	4
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	26.0

2011 Alaska Licensing Information

Veterinary Technician: 172 licensed

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Associate degree

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

Training Resources

	Degree
University of Alaska Fairbanks, Interior-Aleutians	
Veterinary Science	CT2
	Degree
Vocational Training and Resource Center	
Veterinary Assistant	

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